

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE NOTED BELOW MY SIGNATURE

Margaret B. White

6-96-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Di Cesare et al

Serial No.: 09/806,812

Filing Date: April 3, 2001 Docket No.: D-43072-01

Title: THEF

THERMOFORMABLE MULTI-LAYER POLYPROPYLENE FOAM

SHEET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed in order to present the claims of the above-identified application in better form for U.S. examination. The application claims priority from European Application No. 98119685.0, filed October 19, 1998, via International Application No. PCT/EP99/07338, filed April 10, 1999.